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MEMORANDUM FOR CHAIRMAN, NIS COMMITTEE

SUBJECT : National Intelligence Survey (NIS) Program

REFERENCE : USIB-M-314, 26 February, 1964, item 5  
 USIB-D-51.1/9, 4 February 1964

1. At its 26 February meeting the United States Intelligence Board (USIB), in connection with the NIS Program Interim Report, took the following action:

"Dr. Cline noted that this item responds to a USIB directive of 14 August 1963 to the NIS Committee to report within six months on progress toward reorienting the inter-agency NIS Program. He showed the Board samples of the new General Survey in comparison with the volumes produced under the previous concept of the NIS Program. He explained that the goal of the reoriented program is to increase the timeliness of the NIS by concentrating on the production of the one-volume General Surveys which could be kept up to date at reasonable intervals. These would be backed up by a very selective production of such supplementary NIS chapters as may be determined to be required for each country or area covered.

"Dr. Cline stressed that the one-volume General Surveys were intended only as a timely summary and not as a replacement for the comprehensive topical chapters produced in the previous NIS series.

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"The Chairman complimented Dr. Cline, [REDACTED] the NIS Committee and all those responsible for the progress made in this very constructive program. He also requested a report three months hence on the results of a high-level consumer evaluation of how well the new General Survey meets their needs in comparison with the previous NIS series. For example, Secretary Thomas Mann and General O'Meara might be asked for their evaluation of the new General Survey on Panama.

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"The acting State member thought that the subject report should have recommended NIS production priorities as called for in the new USIB directive. He proposed that such recommendations also be included in the next three-months' report.

("After further discussion the USIB:

"a. Noted and approved the referenced Interim Report as indicating a satisfactory beginning on the new reoriented NIS Program.

("b. Directed the NIS Committee to submit a further report within three months specifically concerning:

"(1) The results of an evaluation of the new General Surveys by selected high-level consumers as to how well their needs are being met by the reoriented NIS being produced as compared with the previous NIS series.

("(2) Recommendations as to priorities for the planned production of NIS both by country or area and by selected topical chapters deemed necessary for a particular country or area. "

2. Accordingly it is requested that the NIS Committee submit by 1 June 1964 a further report as directed in the above quoted minutes.

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